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Entitled: Replacement Baccarat Tie Wager

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated May 7, 2001. Applicants request that the abandonment of the above-identified application be reversed or withdrawn.

The basis of this request is as follows:

1. Applicants' attorney states that a reply to office action of October 11, 2000 was filed via Express Mail on January 11, 2001.
2. Evidencing that filing is a copy of the express mail receipt EL373678405US, attached hereto.
3. Further evidence is an attached copy Applicants' response to the office action with the express mail number EL373678405US on the first page thereof proving that which was filed on January 11, 2001.
4. As further evidence, there is attached a copy of the back of a post card sent with the response wherein reference is made to the response and the express mail number EL373678405US.


As of May 10, 2001, the date of Applicants' receipt of the notice of abandonment paper number 9, Applicants have not received the return of the aforesaid post card or with or



without a date stamp. This is perhaps evidence that the response Applicants filed by express mail was not received by the United States Patent Office mail room or Examiner.

Applicants' attorney has not been docketing the return of post cards on express mail filings but will do so in the future whereby post cards not returned in 30 days or returned unstamped will be followed by a status letter.

On behalf of the Applicants by their attorney,



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